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SIGN YOUR LETTERS!

Once again we remind our readers that communications for publication in this newspaper must be signed by the writer. Recently we received a letter for the Forum pertaining to a timely local topic, but were unable to publish same because it was unsigned. We cannot assume the responsibility for publication of anonymous letters.

CHECK THEIR HEALTH

Schools open next week. Children will be off on another session of activity - activity of the mind and of The body. They will do better if in perfect health. Parents should use the days intervening before the session starts to have their child checked by a physician and by the dentist. The eyes, the throat and the ears should be examined. No student can do his or her best work if the eyes are defective or if any major physical defect exists. Get the children in good shape, and keep them healthy.

DRINK MORE MILK

The editor of the Times-Virginian is convinced that the American people do not drink enough milk. A tremendous increase in per capita milk consumption is advisable. No business in the world should have a brighter future than the dairy business. Yet it has its problems; its dark moments. Perhaps an inadequate job is being done on selling the merits of drinking more milk. Milk products are well advertised, but we don't see many appeals to buy and drink raw Grade A Milk. Maybe a campaign is in order to boost milk drinking at our school lunchrooms. We have no objection to having soft drinks on sale in the schools, but milk is the better drink. The child who lays five cents on the counter for a bottle of pop should be encouraged to buy a five cent glass of milk instead. Sometimes the taste for plain milk has to be cultivated. If so, it is well worth the effort.

ONCE MIGHTY MEN ARE VERY HUMBLE NOW

(From Eastern Shore News)

It seems only last year that we used to hear of the Nazi leaders as they strutted on the stage of what was Hitler's Germany. Many of them have died, some on the gallows and quite a few of them by their own hand; but there are others still alive. There are seven, for instance, in the great Spandau prison, all serving twenty year sentences, which, for most of them is tantamount to life imprisonment. How are they getting along?

Rudolph Hess, Hitler's deputy who flew to England to negotiate peace when he saw things were going bad for Germany, remains the enigma he did during the trial. Then he stared into space and refused to speak. In Spandau prison he sits for hours moodily staring into space, brooding perhaps over what might have been, living in a world of his own which no one has penetrated.

Walther Funk, who was president of the Reichsbank, has had to have blood transfusions, but is sufficiently recovered to play the organ for church services. The blood he got was from a British soldier, a fact of which he is unaware, and he would perhaps be annoyed at having British blood in his veins. Erich Raeder, once the Grand Admiral, had an operation recently for hernia, and Admiral Doenitz, who officially announced Germany's surrender, suffers from a skin ailment that requires him to be supplied with specially light clothing. Baron von Neurath, who was "Protector" of Czechoslovakia, works in the vegetable garden. Speer, once a great builder, volunteers for menial jobs to help pass the time, chiefly helping von Shirach do the prison laundry.

The prisoners receive "norman user" rations, which is less than that of workers. They get a package of tobacco every two weeks, are permitted to write and receive one letter per month, and once every three months a visitor for 15 minutes. In most cases the visiting privilege has not been used.

Perhaps the prison term is worse than death to those men who hoped to rule the world and now have little to do but reflect on their criminal follies. Of course, they are not sorry for anybody except themselves.

FEDERAL AID FOR SCHOOLS

(From The New York Times)

The unhappy controversy that reached its climax when Cardinal Spellman on July 21 charged Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt with acting through "misinformation, ignorance or prejudice" in her comments on federal aid to education, has now happily ended. These two eminent Americans have exchanged friendly letters and Cardinal Spellman has said Mrs. Roosevelt a friendly visit. This question may now be treated by everybody, as it should have been from the beginning, on a practical and humanitarian basis.

Two distinct points are obviously involved in any federal legislation affecting school children. The point has to do with the child as a pupil in a tax-supported public school. The General Government cannot under the Constitution as interpreted by the Supreme Court, provide funds for the maintenance of private school buildings, or for the payment of teachers in private schools. The other point is that the Federal Government can constitutionally and properly do its part toward protecting the health and the general security of all children, regardless of what school they attend or what faith their parents profess.

The House of Representatives has before it the Barden bill for aid to public schools. Efforts to get this bill out of committee have so far failed. The main controversial element in this bill has been its specific exclusion of private schools from the benefits it is intended to confer. Since that exclusion seems to be constitutionally mandatory, this clause can hardly any longer be an issue. The bill itself is probably not perfect. We do believe, however, that its principle is good and that the measure ought to be brought out of committee when the House next meets, debated on the floor, amended if a majority so desires and voted on. It recognizes that there are some states in which the taxpayers cannot provide what we like to think are American standards. This is true in some instances in spite of the fact that a larger percentage of the tax receipts is spent on schools than is spent in some of the wealthier states. An educated citizenry is essential to the democratic way of life. We have to rely on the public schools to set the stardards for education and to do most of the work. In doing this we do not, of course, ignore or depreciate the extremely valuable contribution of private schools, including those supported by the Catholic and other churches.

But if the Federal Government cannot aid private schools, it is all the more obligated to do what it can for school children within the limits of its powers. Mrs. Roosevelt now seems to be in agreement with Cardinal Spellman that Government may provide transportation for "free schools * * * whether they are public or private." The same reasoning would justify federal aid in health work for children. A bill now before Congress provides such aid to the extent of $35,000,000 a year. We believe all parents of whatever faith could support this measure. Here is a chance to remove the last element of controversy from the discussion so that we all may join in working for the good af all American children.

The Turnes family had a reunion Sunday at Hollywood Church.

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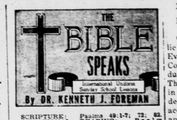

SCRIPTURE, DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalms 49:1-7; 73: 23-28; 72: 1-5, 12-13.

What Is Justice?

Lesson for September 4, 1949

EVERYBODY is in favor of justice but not everybody knows what justice is. Justice is more fundamental than democracy. If we believe that democracy is the best forms of government, it is only because we believe that justice can be better secured in this way than in any other.

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Justice is as old as God

Since for at least 3,000 years historians, politicians, philosophers and theologians have been wrangling over the meaning of justice, you won't learn the last word about it merely by studying one Sunday school lesson. But this is the place to remind ourselves that justice as an ideal, and democracy as a means of reaching that ideal, were not born yesterday.

Dr. Foreman

Labor Day will recall the great services rendered to democracy by the organized workers of the world, for example, in the push they have given to free and universal education. But democracy is older than the labor movement, is older than July 4, 1776, is older than the Magna Charta, is older than the Roman empire, in which one of many mottoes was "Let justice be done even if the sky caves in!"

Justice and democracy go back to the ancient Hebrews, the people who wrote the Old Testament. It was written in their laws, preached by their prophets, sung in their Psalms. But of course they did not invent it. They proclaimed it; but justice is older than the human race. The whole Bible and not only the Old Testament teaches that justice is rooted in the nature of God himself. No unjust person can be called godly.

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Songs of Justice

OUR Psalms for this week give us some valuable light on what justice is. Some people think that if everybody were rich, that would be justice. Psalm 49 shows how foolish that notion is. It says in almost so many words, "You can't take it with you."

Riches do not spell happiness. Making everybody rich might mean making many people miserable. Money by itself does not cure the ills of life, it may make them worse or even create new ones. Many a family in the "upper brackets" has troubles that would vanish if they had less money.

Psalms 72 and 82 give us more positive suggestions. Psalm 72 sees it as the king's main duty to judge the people with righteousness and justice. The king was the government, in those days; he was the executive and the legislative and the judicial branch of government all rolled into one. In modern terms, the business of government is something more than furnishing police to lock up and punish wrongs after they have been done.

The welfare of the people is the concern of government. When public officials take any other view of their job, they are off the beam. In a democracy, the government is the people, that is to say, ourselves.

If things are bad we are to blame for it; if they are going to be any better, we shall have to work for it. Every appeal to a king, in the Old Testament, when translated into terms of a democratic country, means an appeal to the people.

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The Little People

JUSTICE always has to be concerned with the little people. It was true in the simple little world of the ancient Hebrews, it is just as true in our global complex world, that the strong will always exploit the weak if there is not a hand to stop them.

God is always for the "poor," the "children of the needy," and he is always against the "oppressor." In ancient Israel the oppressor was usually the big land-owner who treated his slaves with cruelty or underpaid his workers. Nowadays the oppressor is any exploiter, any man or group of men who will use power to squeeze out or crush down the little man.

But justice is positive, not negative, prevention and not cure only. Concern for social justice includes taking care of people laid low by an epidemic or made homeless by fires; but it goes far beyond this. It will mean working for conditions such that no one will be forced to live in unsanitary firetraps.

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NIGHT COURSES AT LONGWOOD COLLEGE

Courses in business law and public speaking will be offered in the Evening Division of Longwood College, Farmville, when it opens during the week of September 25. These will be in addition to courses in typewriting, business correspondence, shorthand, and elementary accounting which have already been announced.

The course in business law will be taught by William P. Hay, Jr., Farmville attorney. It is designed for persons engaged in any type of business and for persons who wish to know more about the laws regulating their personal business affairs. The class will meet on Wednesday nights from 7:15 to 9:50 P. M.

The course in public speaking offers persons an opportunity to secure practical training in giving public speeches. Students in the class will actually prepare and deliver speeches during the time of the course. The class will be taught by Dr. Robert C. Beale, professor of English at Hampden-Sydney College. It will meet on Friday nights from 7:15 to 9:50 P. M.

All courses offered in the Evening Division may be taken for college credit, high school credit, or no credit.

NAVY MAN ON LEAVE

Melvin Eugene Sands, who enlisted in the Navy on June 28, 1948, has been spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sands, of Concord. Sands enlisted in the Navy under the high school graduate program and has been going to a Navy Trade School in Tenn. He will have eight more weeks of schooling at Norfolk.

Sands stood eleventh in his class of sixty five in the Navy School in Tenn. He graduated from the Concord High School in 1948. Chief Wade, MMC, USN Navy Recruiter in Lynchburg Says that Sands made the highest mark on the qualification test (that applicants have to take to go in the Navy) since he has been on recruiting duty. Sands is going to Electronics School and says he likes this type of work very much.

FORESTRY CLASSES

Charlottesville, Aug. 29.- The last of a series of forestry conservation training sessions held in Virginia's State Forests this summer is underway in Prince Edward County this week. State Forester George W. Dean states that the camp, which is being held in the Gallion State Forest, is an annual school conducted by the United States Forest Service for Service foresters of Virginia and nearby states. Latest methods of forest management and watershed protection are being studied by some sixty men.

Lynchburg holds to lead in Piedmont League, as the season nears end.

Truman addresses national convention of the American Legion in Philadelphia.

Virginia colleges begin football practice sessions.

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Pamplin

Pamplin, Aug. 29.- Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ligon and sons, Jerry and Samuel, of Buffalo, N. Y., were the guests of relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Paulette, of Evergreen were dinner guests in the home of Mrs. I. M. Southall and Mrs. H. M. Robinson Sunday evening.

Mr. McCauley and children, of Fredericksburg are visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. B. Ford. Mr. McCauley was a Sunday guest in the home of Mrs. Ford.

Mrs. C. H. McCall was a guest in the home of Mrs. Dill, of Millborough Springs last week-end.

Mrs. Carl Evans, of Roanoke, was a recent guest of her mother, Mrs. C. C. Rosser.

Mr. and Mrs. K. L. McClenny and daughter, Bettty were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wood last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mann, of Richmond were recent guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Williams.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hervix, of Baltimore is visiting her mother, Mrs. Grace St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ligon and family, of Winchester were recent guests in the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Ligon.

Lacy Wilkerson, of Lexington, was a week-end guest of his mother, Mrs. Bessie Wilkerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ford and family, of Lynchburg were visitors in the home of Mrs. W. B. Ford last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson and baby, of Appomattox were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Richardson.

Mrs. T. J. Ligon spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Fannie Gilliam in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ranson.

Rocks News

Rocks, Aug. 29.- Farmers will soon start cutting tobacco and corn.

Roland David Ranson celebrated his first birthday recently.

Quite a few attended the funeral services of Miss Lucy Eagles at Rocks last Thursday. She was a member of Rocks Church.

The B. T. U. held its Sunday night program with Rodney Roach recently. Several were present.

Everyone was glad to see Rodney Roach at Sunday School Sunday. He can get about on crutches. He will go to Lynchburg Thursday to get the cast off his other foot.

Our community was shocked Friday when the news came that Mrs. Hattie Garrett Ranson, of Norfolk was dead.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ranson, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ranson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson, Misses Odelle and Etta Ranson and S. C. Ranson, Mrs. D. R. Inge, Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and Audrey Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inge and Diane Byrd, Mrs. C. M. Evans and Miss Annie C. Martin went to Norfolk over the week-end to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hattie Garrett Ranson on Sunday afternoon.

Nell Arrington, of Red House attended Sunday School at Rocks Sunday and was visiting Ruth Arrington, of Appomattox.

Myrtle Goin spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Walter Wright of near Appomattox.

Lewis Dickerson preached at Hollywood Sunday night.

Emory Ranson and Helen Garrett of Amherst were married Sunday afternoon.

Frank Roy Ranson celebrated his first birthday recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Wright and children called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Baldwin awhile one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner, and daughter, Lindy, of Evergreen were visiting Mrs. W. F. Ranson and children recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and Audrey Dale called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach awhile Friday night.

Charlene Ranson spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Almond.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Aug. 30.- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hodge and J. L. Evans visited Mrs. Evans' wife and daughter, of Roanoke and Catawba recently.

Miss Elnora Glover spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Grisham, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Garrett.

Mrs. Z. E. Chesham returned home Sunday after spending a week in Alexandria visiting her sister, Mrs. ——.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. LeFew and Miss Oteria Doss, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Childers, Sam Collins and Mrs. Spiggle, of Vera; Lewis Harris, of Oakville, Kenneth Wayne, of Lynchburg, and Miss Elizabeth Hodges all spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glover and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeter Witt Woolridge, of Covington visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stewart, over the week-end.

Paul Ferguson and A. B. Ferguson visited Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Harris at Oakville Saturday.

L. L. Stewart returned home Friday from the Charlottesville Hospital, where he went for treatment. He will return to the hospital soon for an operation.

Mrs. Eddie Warriner is ill at this writing.

D. T. Ferguson, of Lynchburg, who has been spending some time with relatives around here returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Louise Farrar, who is a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital, is improving at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cralle spent the week-end in Richmond with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Clapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and son, Duvall called to see Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glover and family Friday night.

Mrs. Howard Glover and three girls, Mrs. May Harvey, Miss Carrie Hodges and Lawrence Hodges, all called to see T. D. Harris and family Monday night.

Evergreen, Aug. 30.-Pennick Harvey spent the week-end with his daughter, Mrs. Jenkins, at Hopewell.

Mrs. T. E. LeGrande went to see The Common Glory at Williamsburg recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Ferguson Monday evening. Her father is ill at this time.

J. R. Conner and daughter, Carolyn are spending part of this week at their home here.

B. F. Inge, Mrs. Ed Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitzgerald, of Roanoke spent the week-end here.

Prescott H. Dennis, of Penn., is visiting C. J. Paulette and O. C. Paulette this week.

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